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For: DATA TRANSMISSION METHOD FOR EMBEDDED DATA,
DATA TRANSMITTING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUSES
AND INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM THEREFOR
Group: 2661
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully
submitted prior to the Rule 53(b) Continuation Application
filed on even date.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert before the first line of the specification
the following:

-- This is a continuation of application Serial No.
09/144,696, filed September 1, 1998. --
-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is related to application Serial
No. 09/144,467, filed September 1, 1998 entitled AWATERMARK
EMBEDDING METHOD AND SYSTEM@ by I. Echizen et al; application
Serial No. 09/144,989, filed September 1, 1998 entitled
AMETHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EMBEDDING INFORMATION INTO CONTENTS@ by
H. Yoshiura et al; and application Serial No. 09/148,325,

filed September 4, 1998 entitled ARECORDING/REPRODUCING METHOD
AND APPARATUS PROCESSING APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR
VIDEO SIGNAL HAVING COPY CONTROL INFORMATION@ by H. Kimura et
al. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice or disclaimer
of the subject matter thereof.

Please add new claims 21-31 as follows:

-- 21. A data transmission method for transmitting
information data containing additional information data
therewith, said data transmission method comprising the steps
performed at a transmitter side of:

preparing a data frame of said information data
into which the additional information data is to be embedded;

embedding said additional information data plural
times into said data frame, repetitively; and

transmitting the information data embedded with the
repetitive additional information data.

22. A data transmission method as claimed in Claim 21,
further comprising the steps performed at a receiver side of:

receiving the transmitted information data embedded
with the repetitive additional information data therein;

detecting the repetitive additional
information data embedded from said transmitted information
data; and

determining said additional information data based on repetitiveness of the additional information data detected.

23. A data transmission method as claimed in Claim 22, wherein said determining step includes a step of:

determining said additional information data based on a majority rule of the repetitive additional information data embedded into said data frame.

24. A data transmission method as claimed in Claim 21, wherein said information data includes at least one of video data, audio data and text data.

25. A data transmission method as claimed in Claim 22, wherein said information data includes at least one of video data, audio data and text data.

26. A data transmission apparatus for transmitting information data containing additional information data therewith, comprising:

first means for preparing a data frame of said information data into which the additional information data is to be embedded;

second means for preparing said additional information data in accordance with a predetermined conversion table;

third means for embedding said additional

information data in the first means by plural times into the data frame, repetitively; and

fourth means for transmitting the information data embedded with the repetitive additional data therein.

27. A data transmission apparatus as claimed in Claim 26, wherein said fourth means comprises:

means for recording the information data embedded with the repetitive additional information data onto an optical information recording medium.

28. A data reproducing apparatus for reproducing the transmitted information data transmitted by the data transmitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 25,

said data reproducing apparatus comprising:

first means for receiving the transmitted information data embedded with the repetitive additional information;

second means for detecting the repetitive additional information data which are embedded with the information data received; and

third means for determining said embedded additional information data on a basis of repetitiveness of the additional information data detected.

29. A data reproducing apparatus as claimed in the claim 28, wherein said first means comprises:

means for reproducing the information data embedded with the repetitive additional information data from an optical information recording medium.

30. An information recording medium for recording data therein, comprising:

information data being reproducible in the form of a data frame; and

additional data embedded by plural times into said information data of said data frame, repetitively.

31. An information recording medium as claimed in claim 30, wherein information relating to a repetition number of the embedded additional data is recorded into a part of said information recording medium. --

REMARKS

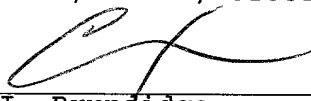
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